(d) Yes.

(e) Yes.

(f) The matter is engaging the attention of Government. Arrangements are being made to shift the Police Station to Tattamangalam by the beginning of the next year.

Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

118. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether capable officers in the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeons are not promoted to the grade of Assistant Surgeons, both in British India and in the Sister States, with all the privileges of Assistant Surgeons;

(b) will Government be pleased to state why such encouragement should not be granted to deserving Sub-Assistant Surgeons in this State too?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) In the Madras Presidency only a few limited places are reserved in the cadre of the Assistant Surgeons for promotion to deserving Sub-Assistant Surgeons. In Mysore, two places of Assistant Surgeons are reserved for a total number of 277 Sub-Assistant Surgeons. In Travancore, three places of Assistant Surgeons (two for men and one for a lady) are reserved for senior Sub-Assistant Surgeons with over 23 years of service out of 81 Sub-Assistant Surgeons in service. In Pudukottah there are only 15 Sub-Assistant Surgeons and no Sub-Assistant Surgeon in that State gets a place in the Assistant Surgeon's rank. In Travancore, though three Sub-Assistant Surgeons are promoted as Assistant Surgeons, they are not given all the privileges of a medical graduate such as granting of health certificates, age certificates, etc.

(b) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know, Sir, whether the granting of health certificates has a greater consequence than the conduct of postmortum examinations?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No. It has not.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know, Sir, why this privilege have been taken away from them, this granting of health certificates?

Dr. D Raghavendra Rao.—The Member is not correct on facts. There was no privilege granted to them at any time.

Mr. A Sankara Puduval.—May I also know from the Member whether they were in the habit of granting health certificates?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No. We were not in the habit of granting health certificates.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state why such encouragement should not be granted—whether the Rs. 1,200 provided in the budget has any reference to this matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It has.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know what the proposal is?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Still under consideration.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know for what it is to be utilised?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is to be utilised for making some special grants to some of the officers according to seniority and merit.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Thank you.

Erection of Rice Mill—Trichur Municipal Council.

119. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Trichur Municipal Council has not sanctioned the erection either of Rice Mills or Mills to polish rice, within the old Municipal limits this year, in violation of a Resolution still in force, passed by the said Council, prohibiting sanction;

(b) whether there were any complaints against the grant of such permission and license from the local citizens, and if so, how they were disposed of either by the Council or by Government;

(c) will Government be pleased to state whether there were any special reasons for the grant of such permission and such license?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The Council has sanctioned the erection of 3 such Mills this year. There is no resolution of the Council prohibiting such sanction, though there was an understanding with the Government that such sanction would not be accorded.

(b) Yes; Government have received certain complaints. Their enquiries in respect of 2 of the applications are not over. As to the 3rd the request was granted.

(c) In the case of one of the Rice-Mills Government saw no objection to the grant of the license. So they gave permission to license it. In this case all precautions are being taken to avoid nuisance in the future.

Dispensary—Kozhipara.

120. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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